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LANL Emergency Response Group

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LANL Emergency Response

- LANL Emergency Response Group trains, and is certified, to an all-hazards approach to hazardous materials emergencies.
- The LANL Hazmat Team is staffed by 18 responders from various disciplines, possessing a variety of specialized skills.



 They possess the capability to respond to a wide range of problems including transportation, industrial, and Weapons of Mass Destruction events.



LANL Emergency Response Group

- The Security and Emergency
 Operations Division Emergency
 Response Group at LANL has the
 primary responsibility of responding
 to hazardous materials emergencies
 at the Lab.
- Every member of the group is trained and certified to the Hazmat Technician level, at a minimum, as required by U.S. Code of Federal Regulation (CFR 2910.1910.120 – HAZWOPER)
- Some personnel in the group are cross trained to the Hazardous Devices Team which specializes mitigating in unstable chemicals and high-explosive operations.

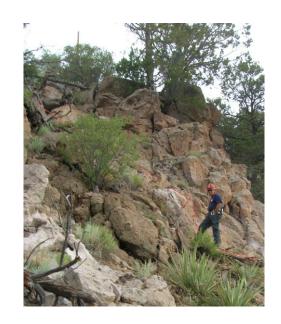




Response and Training

- LANL Emergency Response team possesses a wide range of technical backgrounds and leverages this experience to staff a robust response capability.
- While motor vehicle accidents and petroleum leaks are most common, the team responds to a number of more technical problems as well:
 - Legacy chemicals
 - Shock sensitive chemicals/peroxides
 - Pyrophoric materials
 - Chemical leaks and spills
 - Radiological emergencies





Response Capabilities

- Diverse expertise allows us to draw on many areas of experience.
- Personnel have diverse backgrounds, in many cases emergency response was not their first job:
 - Industrial Hygiene and Safety
 - Fire Service/EMS
 - Chemistry and Biology
 - Health Physics/Radiation Protection
 - Incident Command/Fire Officer
 - Military Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD)
 - Instructors
 - Many personnel support other response missions such as Radiological Assistance Program, Accident Response Group, and other Federal response teams.

Response Capabilities – Personal Protective Equipment

 All levels of PPE from Level D to Level A







Level B



Level A Ensembles







Firefighter Turnout Gear

Air Monitoring

 LANL Emergency Response Group fields many tools for air monitoring for hazardous atmospheres:







Multi-gas detection systems for toxic, flammable, and volatile organic compounds.



Mercury vapor detection



Chemical specific detection tubes

Chemical monitoring and detection

- A wide array of chemical detection and identification tools are also deployed.
- In addition to typical monitoring and detection capabilities for acids, oxidizers and peroxides, RAMAN and FTIR technologies are integrated into the team's suite of capabilities.





Radiological Response

 Teams also deploy a diverse tool set for radiological emergencies. This includes capability to detect and monitor all types of radiation. This capability includes dose rate, contamination, and search tools.







Detection of alpha, beta, and gamma radiation sources for search and contamination monitoring



Identifinder for search and nuclide identification



Instrumentation for monitoring dose rate and determination of hazard areas

Specialized tools

 The team uses other specialized tools to form a strong response capability:





PPb gas detection



Bio-agent response



Thermal imaging





Metal alloy identification



Gas/vapor collection for GC/MS analysis

Response capabilities

- LANL Emergency Response Group maintains numerous assets for response to a wide variety of emergencies:
 - Three dedicated hazmat vehicles: Two fully equipped response vehicles and a rapid response/command vehicle.
 - Hazardous Devices Response Vehicle.
 - Total containment vessel for on-site explosive destruction of shock-sensitive/unstable materials.
 - Multiple remotely operated robotics platforms to include commercially available EOD robotic platforms and a remotely operated Bobcat skid-steer.











Training, Certification, and Outreach

- All Hazmat response personnel with LANL go through 120 to 160 hours of training to certify as Hazmat Technicians. This training is in compliance with 29 CFR 1910.120 and NFPA 472.
- Certification is controlled through the New Mexico Firefighter
 Training Academy and the California Specialized Training
 Institute. Academy certification is accredited by the International
 Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC)
- A number of team members are certified instructors, and/or adjunct instructors with the NM Fire Academy.
- We are able to design and conduct general and specialized training to numerous organizations: Fire Departments, Law Enforcement, Arson Investigators, Bomb Squads, etc...

Training Events

- **Hazmat Challenge:** Annual event designed for Hazmat Teams. Scenario-based training, now in its 22nd year. A wide variety of problems are presented for teams to solve.
- International Association of Arson Investigators: A training evolution where arson investigators observe and train on burned structures and vehicles, and conduct post-blast, as well as post burn investigations.
- Customer Focused Training: Training events developed with specific customer goals in mind. This could be WMD, rail, aircraft, radiological, etc...
- Refresher training: Training conducted to help responders maintain skills and competencies in their specific fields; Hazmat Technical Rescue, EOD.

TA-49 Training Facility

- The LANL Emergency Response Group manages a large training facility at LANL Technical Area 49.
 - This facility is currently 40 acres (just over 16 hectares) and is home to a variety of structures and equipment.
 - Facilities include aircraft, vehicles, rail transport, confined space, residential, commercial, and industrial structures.
 - Training operations use compressed air and water to simulate hazardous materials.
 - Capability for radiological training in high radiation fields.



TA-49 Training Facility

- Facility is also an explosives operations area, allowing us to support various aspects of emergency response.
- Capability to develop scenarios with as little simulation as possible.
 Teams can train as they would respond without having to verbalize or nationalize most of their activities.





Aircraft

- The training facility currently has three airframes; C130 cargo aircraft, HU-25 Coast Guard aircraft, and a small Learjet type airframe.
 - Aircraft can be reconfigured and set up to meet various scenarios to include cargo, passenger, and accident scenarios.











Rail

 The training facility has a small rail yard, with track switch capability. On site are; dry hopper car, box car, passenger car, flat-bed rail car, and a tank car which was modified allowing us to train on the most common tank car fixtures.





Box Car, Hopper Car, Passenger Car









Rail Tank Car







Chlorine dome



Anhydrous ammonia dome



Acid dome



General commodity dome

Transportation: fuel, high pressure, liquid, mixed cargo











Residential

 A collection of portable, lightweight, structures used to simulate residential areas. Repairable and replaceable allowing teams to practice forcible entry, breaching, and access procedures.



Confined Space

 A permanent confined space simulation tool with modular rooms and pathways. Allows teams to practice confined space operations and low light operations.







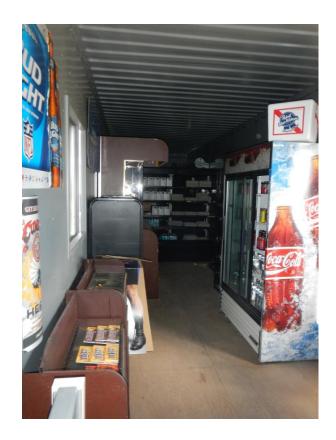


Commercial

Training stations simulating a motel, grocery store and medical clinic.
 Designed to allow training for entry, access, and render safe operations.



Gas station/convenience store



Commercial



Medical clinic





Commercial



Grocery store/market





Industrial

• Many different components to simulate industrial emergencies including drums, gas cylinders and piping.











Hazmat Challenge and Training Evolutions

- The annual Hazmat Challenge is a weeklong training event hosted by the LANL Emergency Response Group at TA 49.
- Teams from all over the United States participate.
- Supported by many government agencies: Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), etc...
- Scenarios are based on real-world responses and are designed to test responder's planning and execution to mitigating a release of hazardous materials.



Hazmat Challenge

- Teams not only get 40 hours of annual training, but the event also provides a competition to determine the best Hazmat Team for the year.
- Provides an opportunity for teams from around the country to network and exchange ideas and skills.
- All training is based on common procedures, skills, and tools that are required for Hazmat Technicians nation wide.





Hazmat Challenge

Examples of scenarios and evaluation tools:

* For scoreboard use only

HAZMAT Challenge Scenario

Title of Prop: Gas Station

Scenario:

You have been called to a gas station where a tractor/trailer driver has reported a bulging drum in his shipment. During a routine pre-trip load inspection, the driver noticed that one of the drums was bulging. He noted that the drum was labeled as Hydrogen Peroxide 35%. At that time, the driver backed away from the truck, informed the gas station staff and called 911. The area was evacuated and local PD has created a perimeter around the gas station.

The HAZMAT team is requested to perform the following actions:

Your team is requested to create a plan to address the following:

- · Verify the material in the bulging drum.
- · Identify the other materials in the shipment.
- · Segregate products as necessary.
- · Mitigate the bulging drum.
- Stabilize the scene for cleanup operations.

Before time is started, you may ask questions relevant to this event. As applicable, answers will be given to you by the Controller.

Please verbalize all actions to the Controller.

Please note the following:

You have Fire, Medical and Law Enforcement assets on scene, to include the local bomb squad, to assist if needed.

NOTES

If any of the Controllers see an unsafe act or condition related to team activities, the safety observer will yell "stop," and team activities will be stopped until the issue is corrected. Time will NOT be stopped, but the problem or condition will be corrected before the team is allowed to continue.

If there is a safety issue **NOT** related to team activities (e.g., lightning, snakes, fire), play and time will **both** be stopped until the issue is resolved. Teams will resume play **WITHOUT** time penalty once the issue is corrected.

Any Questions?

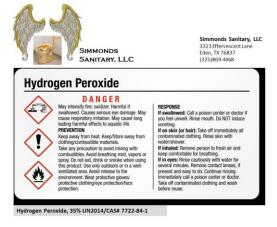
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Hazmat Challenge

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Transportation Scenarios





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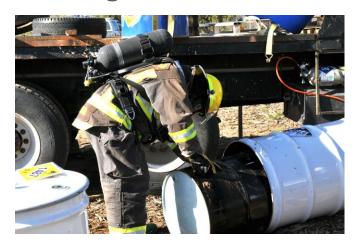
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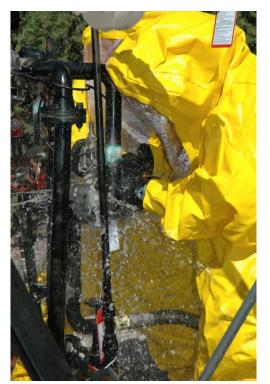
Rail emergencies

Industrial and Commercial Scenarios

 Scenarios based on industrial emergencies and commercial emergencies.









WMD and Criminal Events

 Scenarios based on events from the media and responder reports. May be terrorist related, drug labs, or other activities.









Summary



- LANL Emergency Response Group provides a robust response capability with a diverse background and knowledge base.
- The team works to ensure they have state of the art tools and training to maintain their capabilities.
- Assess to training facilities such as TA 49 allow teams to develop and implement performance based training to hone skills.
- Diverse tools and equipment at TA 49 enable the development of realistic and custom designed training events. These events minimize the simulations common at many venues, and allow teams to train as they would respond.